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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Pierre Hilaire  
Appn. Title: Valved Connector with Closure Operated by Axial Movement of the Valve  
Examiner: Manuel Mendez GAU: 3763

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed November 2, 2004.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Examiner is requested to reconsider the final Office Action mailed November 2, 2004. The Office Action contained a serious error in that it did not consider the amended claims submitted in Amendment C, filed on July 19, 2004. The wording of the rejections in that Office Action makes it clear that the rejections were based on the previous version of the claims.

In a telephone conversation with Examiner Mendez, it was determined that the Examiner received the amended claims with Amendment C, but they were overlooked because the claims were not properly displayed on the USPTO computer system. The USPTO computer system did not display a separate icon to indicate that there were amended claims attached to Amendment C.

Examiner is requested to issue a new Office Action or a Notice of Allowance in consideration of the amended claims.

The following CLAIMS LISTING shows the current status of the claims.